

EEE Risk Levels and Recommended Personal Protection Measures

Risk Category	Definition of risk category	Recommended Personal Protection Measures
Baseline/No mosquito surveillance	<p>Prior 2 years: No human or veterinary cases reported.</p> <p>Current year: No mosquito surveillance available in this region AND No human or veterinary cases reported</p>	<p>Take general precautions to prevent mosquito bites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Use mosquito repellents, especially from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active. b) Weather permitting, wear long sleeves and long pants when outdoors from dusk to dawn. c) Cover baby carriages or outdoor play spaces with mosquito netting. d) Make sure screens in your doors and windows are intact. e) Remove standing water around your house. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Dispose of or regularly empty any water-holding containers. ii) Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors. iii) Clean clogged roof gutters of leaves and debris that might prevent drainage of water. iv) Change water in bird baths every 3 or 4 days. Don't let water stagnate. v) Keep swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated. Remove standing water from pool covers. f) Arrange neighborhood clean-ups to get rid of mosquito breeding sites.
Low	<p>Prior 2 years: EEE virus detected in mosquitoes</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Current year: EEE virus detected in mosquitoes at a single trapping site</p> <p>AND No human or veterinary cases</p>	<p>Take additional precautions to prevent mosquito bites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Limit time spend outdoors from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active. b) Whenever you go outside, apply mosquito repellent. c) Be aware of whether mosquitoes are biting, and go inside or apply more repellent if mosquitoes are active. d) Weather permitting, wear long sleeves and long pants. e) Cover baby carriages or outdoor play spaces with mosquito netting. f) Make sure screens in your doors and windows are intact. g) Remove standing water around your house. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Dispose of or regularly empty any water-holding containers. ii) Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors. iii) Clean clogged roof gutters of leaves and debris that might prevent drainage of water. iv) Change water in bird baths every 3 or 4 days. Don't let it stagnate. v) Keep swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated. Remove standing water from pool covers. h) Arrange neighborhood clean-ups to get rid of mosquito breeding sites.
Moderate	<p>Prior 2 years: Confirmation of human and/or veterinary case</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Sustained viral activity in mosquitoes</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Current year: No animal or human cases in current year</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Sustained EEE virus isolations from mosquitoes at one location <i>or</i> multiple locations within a community <i>or</i> EEE virus isolated from bridge vectors</p> <p>Definition: Sustained: when mosquito activity is detected for 2 or more weeks within one focal area</p>	<p>Take additional precautions to prevent mosquito bites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Limit time spend outdoors from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active. b) Whenever you go outside, apply mosquito repellent. c) Be aware of whether mosquitoes are biting, and go inside or apply more repellent if mosquitoes are active. d) Weather permitting, wear long sleeves and long pants. e) Cover baby carriages or outdoor play spaces with mosquito netting. f) Make sure screens in your doors and windows are intact. g) Remove standing water around your house. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Dispose of or regularly empty any water-holding containers. ii) Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors. iii) Clean clogged roof gutters of leaves and debris that might prevent drainage of water. iv) Change water in bird baths every 3 or 4 days. Don't let it stagnate. v) Keep swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated. Remove standing water from pool covers. h) Arrange neighborhood clean-ups to get rid of mosquito breeding sites.

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<p>High</p>	<p>Current year: A single confirmed human or veterinary case OR Sustained or increasing viral activity in mosquitoes in the community</p>	<p>Take even more precautions to prevent mosquito bites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Stay inside as much as possible from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) If you must go outside during these hours, wear long pants and long sleeves and use mosquito repellent. b) Consider cancelling or rescheduling outdoor gatherings, such as organized sporting events, during peak mosquito hours. c) Apply mosquito repellent, whenever you go outside, even if you do not think mosquitoes are biting. d) Be aware of whether mosquitoes are biting, and go inside or apply more repellent if mosquitoes are active. e) Wear long sleeves and long pants when outside, weather permitting. f) Cover baby carriages or outdoor play spaces with mosquito netting g) Make sure screens in your doors and windows are intact. h) Remove standing water around your house <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Dispose of or regularly empty any water-holding containers. ii) Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors. iii) Clean clogged roof gutters of leaves and debris that might prevent drainage of water. iv) Change water in bird baths every 3 or 4 days. Don't let it stagnate. v) Keep swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated. Remove standing water from pool covers. i) Arrange neighborhood clean-ups to get rid of mosquito breeding sites.
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